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Anganwadi teachers' strike enters day 5; to celebrate R-Day

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Most sought after place in Bengaluru is...

Citizens from economically disadvantaged communities, marginalised sections of society unable to access free legal aid in Bengaluru, lawyers tell BM

INJUSTICE LEAGUE

'One can hardly find a competent lawyer for legal aid'

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As per Section 12 of the Legal Services Authority Act, 1987, free legal aid should be provided to individuals belonging to the weaker sections of the society. However, these benefits are hardly provided for the needy or have minimal reach at the ground level.

Karishma, a house help living in Ejipura has been fighting a land dispute case since 2016. She said she is unable to continue fighting the case as lawyers are charging a lot. She just can't afford it anymore.

"I am legally fighting against my brother for my land. As of now I have spent more than Rs 1 lakh for legal services. I had to sell my jewellery and other things so that I could hire a lawyer. Still the case is not closed; I don't think I can afford to spend more," she said.

KBS Swamy, an advocate at Karnataka High Court, said lack of funds and language barrier are major obstacles as to why citizens are not able to avail legal aid.

"From the magistrate court to the high court order, everything is in English. We are not able to find a

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"Legal aid should be guaranteed to every citizen but several barriers like caste, religion, sexuality and class make access difficult..."
– Vinay Sreenivasa, Alternative Law Forum

Does anyone remember corona warriors?

6 months on, promises made to doctors, nurses, pharmacists, who worked during pandemic, remain unfulfilled

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Last year, during the month of July, more than 5,000 contractual workers employed under the National Health Mission (NHM) protested at Bengaluru's Freedom Park demanding a raise in their wages, extension of health insurance and paid leaves.

Back then, the government officials had given assurance to fulfill their demands. But even after six months, there has been no progress, till date.

The Karnataka State Health and Medical Education Department Contractual and Outsource Employees' Association (KSHCOEA) had been at the frontlines during the pandemic when covid-19 cases were raging in the state.

There are over 30,000 staff under the association including doctors, nurses, lab technicians and pharmacists who had been working during the pandemic.

"All the staff have been at the

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3 THINGS TO DO

01 Looking back

Bengaluru's gallery g showcases 'Revelation & Reverences: Glimpses of Indian Art 1850 - 1950'. This three-month-long exhibition will have on display a collection of rare oil paintings, water colours, chromolithographs, litho stones, terracotta dolls and other rare artefacts. The exhibition charts the evolution of India's art history from the mid-19th century to Independent India.
Where: gallery g, Lavelle Road; When: ongoing

02 Lit talk

Atta Galatta in collaboration with Penguin Random House presents book launch of "Who's Afraid of a Giant Wheel?" Join Zainab Sulaiman, whose book explores the world of a sassy, naughty, and much troubled 8-year-old Noorie who's trying to make sense of the various things life is throwing at her.
Where: Atta Galatta, Indiranagar
When: January 28, 5 pm

03 Dance drama and spirituality

Krshala Dance Theatre presents kathak dance drama 'Amrapali, the rise, the fall the awakening' by Simran Godhwani & Ensemble. This is a dance drama celebrating the spiritual journey of Amrapali, the famous Nagar-Vadhu of the Republic of Vaishali in Northern India, sometime during the period 500-600 BC. The production traces her rise to power and material wealth, love and loss, trial and punishment and the final resurrection and spiritual awakening.
Where: Bangalore International Centre, Domlur
When: January 28, 5:30 pm; Tickets: insider.in

For gratuity, protesting without basic needs

At Freedom Park, protestors don't have access to bathrooms or sleeping facilities

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For four days, anganwadi teachers and assistants have been protesting at Freedom Park

For the thousands of anganwadi teachers and assistants protesting at Freedom Park for four days, a lack of basic amenities has made their protest even more challenging. Protestors say they are compelled to sleep on the road due to a lack of sufficient space at the venue allocated for protests. It is even more difficult for some of the anganwadi assistants have come from various parts of Karnataka with their children in tow as they have no one at home to look after the children.

The main demand of these anganwadi teachers and assistants is that they want gratuity as per the Supreme Court judgment on April 25, 2022. They want the state government to provide compensation to those anganwadi teachers and assistants who applied for gratuity. Their other demand is that anganwadi teachers and assistants should not be deputed for programmes other than services as per the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) guidelines. They also want fixed timings for anganwadi centres (10 am to 1 pm).

For these four days, a stretch of Seshadri Road, along Freedom Park, has been closed for traffic as most of the space is being occupied by the protestors. January 26 is an important day for them as they have decided to celebrate the Republic Day at the venue tomorrow. "We, as most Indians, want to celebrate the Republic Day despite no response from the state government to our demands," said Karnataka State Anganwadi Workers Association President S Varalakshmi.

Coming down heavily on the apathy of the Minister for Women and Child Welfare and the Chief Minister, Varalakshmi said that neither the minister nor the chief minister bothered to visit the protestors. "We have been demanding the state government to meet our demands since 2018 but in vain. We have decided to continue our agitation till either the minister for woman and child welfare or the chief minister take a decision on our demands," she said, adding that 35,000 anganwadi centres were closed across the state due to the ongoing agitation.

While the situation is not that tough for anganwadi teachers and assistants who have friends or relatives in Bengaluru, the worst affected are those who come from border districts such as Kalaburagi, Belagavi and other districts.

> **"The food we bought was sufficient for two days; now we have to depend on roadside eateries**
> – Hanumavva, anganwadi teacher

"We have no one in Bengaluru. The food brought from home was sufficient for two days. Now, we have to depend on nearby hotels or roadside eateries. We are sleeping on the road at night," said Hanumavva, an anganwadi teacher who came to Bengaluru from Maninagar near Badami in Bagalkot district along with her granddaughter.

Seetha, who works as an assistant at Badami taluk in Bagalkot district, said that she along with her mother and child came to Bengaluru five days ago to take part in the agitation. "We have no facility here to have a bath. All of us are finding it difficult due to the lack of bathroom facilities here. We are sleeping on the road at night," said Seetha.

Madavi, an assistant working at Gotur anganwadi centre, came to Bengaluru along with her 22-month-old daughter. "Many anganwadi teachers and assistants have appreciated me for participating in the agitation along with my daughter. It is very difficult to have sound sleep at night. I am worried about my daughter as we have no other place than the road to sleep," said Madavi.

Some hope for students denied admit cards

The Delhi Commission for Protection of Child Rights (DCPCR) has recently advised all schools in New Delhi to strictly ensure every student gets their admit card without delay ahead of the board examinations. The commission said that many schools have been holding back the admit card of students till the last moment citing non-payment of fee as the reason.

In Karnataka also, this is an issue for many students, Naganna Gowda, Chairperson of Karnataka State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (KSCPCR) explained.

"We did receive one such complaint where two students were being denied admit cards. We reached out to the school and asked them to immediately release the admit cards and exempt the fee of almost Rs 10,000 for the same," he told Bangalore Mirror.

The chairperson also said that many private schools in the city are charging excessive fee and the issue needs to be addressed at large. "The commission is planning to conduct a meeting with a private association of schools in Bengaluru and discuss the matter. We will be demanding that the schools reduce the fee somewhat so that it is easier for all the students to access education equally," he informed.

"Currently, different schools are charging different amounts as fees. This is also a sensitive matter as it might harm the rights of a child. Some private schools are charging really high tuition, many parents have complained," he further added.

Recently, the Delhi High Court had also ruled that a child cannot be made to suffer and not be allowed to attend classes or barred from taking examinations in the middle of an academic session on the grounds of non-payment of the fees. The parents in Bengaluru have also complained about the high cost of education in the city several times. The KSCPCR is ensuring that non-payment of fee doesn't become a reason for any kind of disturbance in the board examinations.

The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) will be conducting the Class 10 and Class 12 board exams from February 15, 2023 onwards.

— Saumyangi Yadav

Pink slips: Anxiety grips youngsters

Freshers, college students say they are living in constant fear of losing their job

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> **It has led to severe anxiety for me and my batchmates with the academic year nearly ending**
>
> –Sharad V, engineering student

From Amazon to Meta, Google to Microsoft, 2023 has spelt doom for many IT professionals all over the world. Layoffs have been all over the news and may employees who were let go have shared their stories on social media. But if you thought that the situation was limited to IT companies or US-based companies, you are wrong.

Recession, layoffs, and toxic work cultures in companies have become one of the major reasons behind stress and anxiety-related students among young professionals as well as college students.

Rakshita, 22, was working at a US-based media company in Bengaluru. "This was my first job and we had only been working for six months when the company started layoffs. We had been informed a month in advance that many of us who had completed our probation would be laid off on the basis of our productivity. There was lot of stress and panic among the employees as most of us were newly employed and did not know what to do."

Rakshita ended up resigning because the work culture was so toxic.

"Our work and productivity were being tracked continuously and even a slight drop meant getting fired. While looking for other jobs I found out that the situation is similar in most companies, not just in Bengaluru but in Delhi and other cities as well. From my team of 15-16 people, six had been laid off in the past month," she further added.

Last week, IT company Wipro also fired 452 freshers. An employee association had even written a letter to the labour ministry seeking necessary actions regarding layoff.

However, it is not just the young professionals suffering; college students say that the recession has affected college placements.

"Placements have been slower for the current batch as compared to other years. I have applied to several companies both through campus and otherwise, but almost none of them are responding. Students are especially hesitant to apply for bigger companies like Infosys and Wipro because though these companies recruit in masses during campus placements, they end up laying off many of their employees later. but on the other hand, smaller companies and start-ups usually prefer trained individuals and not freshers... It is a very stressful situation right now," said Sharad V, a final-year engineering student in Bengaluru.

"It has definitely led to severe anxiety for me and my batchmates especially now that the academic year is also close to its end. Looking at the situation of the IT industry right now, it is very stressful to think about our career in the future," he further added.

Out of jail, caught again

Two thieves, whose modus operandi was mainly stealing from homes, have been arrested by the Hennur police.

According to the police, the two had committed sixty thefts. The suspects, Fayaz and Prasad, were detained with 660 gram of gold. The thieves had broken into a judge's house In Ramamurthy Nagar, Kolar, Hennur. Previously, the duo had made an unsuccessful attempt to loot an ATM in Shivamogga.

The accused have so far been taken into custody more than once.

In the last one week, the duo had come out of jail. At present, the police are interrogating them again.

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Fake notes racket busted

Subramanyapura Police have arrested four inter-state thieves who were running a fake notes racket. According to the police, Rs 500 notes amounting to Rs 11 lakh have been seized from the accused.

The accused has been identified as Charan Singh, Rajani, Raju, Gopinath who are a native of Andhra Pradesh. The accused brought fake notes from Andhra Pradesh and tried to circulate them in Bengaluru.

On January 19, around 2:00 pm, the accused were caught by the police while they were waiting for customers at Uttarahalli.

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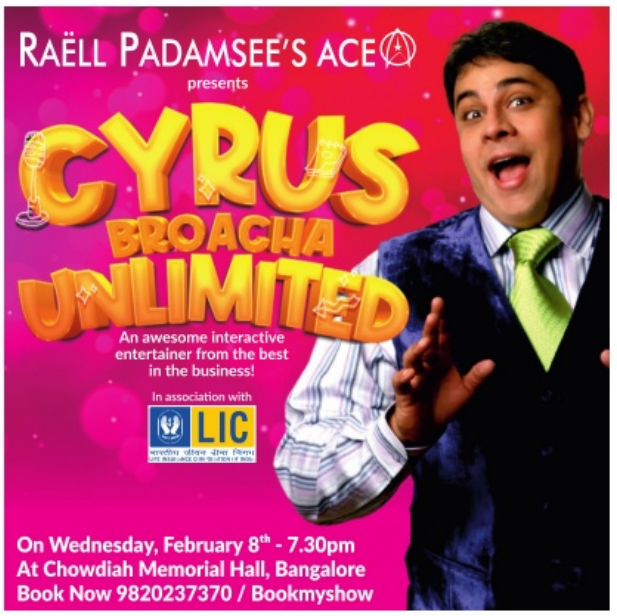
City biker injured in hit-and-run

Another rash driving case has been recorded in the city. A driver recently escaped after colliding with a moving bike. According to the police, one person has been critically injured and admitted to a hospital. The victim, a two-wheeler rider, has been identified as Kumar Raju. The accused came in a red Swift car and fled after hitting the vehicle. A case has been registered in Mico Layout Traffic Police station. — BMB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Doddakallasandra Lake in dirt again

Recently rejuvenated water body sees sewage entry once more

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The Residents staying near Doddakallasandra Lake are witnessing sewage enter the water body once again. The lake had been rejuvenated not too long ago. Locals say that sewage entry has been a regular occurrence and they want to find a permanent solution to this problem.

They told Bangalore Mirror that despite several complaints, no action had been taken by authorities concerned to resolve the same.

Raghavendra B Pachhapur, working with ActionAid India, said, "Doddakallasandra Lake is home to 354 trees belonging to 42 species, 43 species of plants and shrubs, 37 butterfly species, and 71 bird species (including 11 migratory ones and two near threatened species), according to the ActionAid Association report, 2019. Since lake rejuvenation by the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) in October 2021, the local community has been continuously monitoring the lake for pollution."

He said they have regularly raised issues that concern water quality in this lake.

This is the condition of the lake; Over the last 12 months the water body has constantly fallen under class D

During the last 12 months, the lake has consistently performed under class D, which is suitable for wildlife and fisheries (Karnataka State Pollution Control Board/KSPCB report), he added.

He also informed that despite the several written complaints to the KSPCB and BBMP, the polluting stream from the adjoining property has not been checked for the last three years. In the last 23 months, six complaints were reportedly made.

Soundararajan, a resident of the area, told BM, "This issue is happening very often. The sewage stagnates and then gets diverted to the lake. The water is most likely coming from the colony nearby. A lot of complaints have been made to the authorities, but no permanent solution has been proposed yet. Yesterday I spotted sewage entering the water body myself, and the water entering the lake was black in colour."

> **"If a permanent solution is not put forth and sewage entry is not arrested, the entire ecosystem of the lake will be destroyed** – Resident

Another resident spoke about how sewage entering the lake is hampering the water quality. If a permanent solution is not put forth and sewage entering the lake is not arrested, the entire ecosystem will be destroyed, they said. "Marine life will also not be able to survive.

The authorities should take immediate action given the fact that the lake was rejuvenated very recently," they added.

Meanwhile, a BBMP official said that the water entering the lake was not sewage. They said that it was water that was used for washing.

Access to legal aid

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mechanism that can deliver orders or awareness about the legal aid to the masses in the local language. There is the lack of funds available for legal aid; most of the funds that come are spent for propagation or infrastructure.

The advocates who take up the legal aid receive very low remuneration. The lawyers get Rs 200 a day which is lower than minimum wages. So they can hardly find a competent lawyer for legal aid cases," he said.

Swamy added that some lawyers are charging lakhs of rupees per hour, while lawyers who are providing legal aid in heinous cases are unable to make ends meet.

Vinay Sreenivasa of Alternative Law Forum said district legal service authority should be strengthened to ensure legal aid to citizens.

"Legal aid is something that should be guaranteed to every citizen in the country; but several barriers like caste, religion, sexuality and class make it difficult for people to access free legal aid.

We have the state legal service authority and the district legal service authority; there is an urgent need to strengthen the district legal service authority across the city. From the government side we must strengthen the district legal service authority; they only have one office in the city, there should be more.

The bar association must set up a human rights cell so that more lawyers are able to help the underprivileged," Sreenivasa said.

He told BM that lawyers with commercial practice should take up pro bono cases so that qualified advocates can provide free legal services and consultation to underprivileged citizens.

Contractual healthcare employees may go on strike

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forefront during the pandemic risking their lives. Despite the low salary, we worked during the pandemic risking our lives. However, it's been close to six months now and no action has been taken by the government. Back in July, we withdrew our protest as the government had given us assurances," association president Vishwaradhya HY said.

The workers are asking for a 15% hike in the salaries of all the staff. "A doctor as a contractual employee gets between Rs 25,000- 30,000 whereas permanent doctors get about Rs 40,000 and above.

Similarly a nurse gets paid Rs 14,000-15,000, but as per the standards the nurse has to be paid between Rs 30,000-33,000. Our salary is very low; we can not even meet our basic needs. We have been following up with wage hike demands with different government officials but there are only assurances and nothing on ground," he said.

The contractual staff focussed on the need to have health insurance too. "We have no health insurance benefits. Furthermore, we even asked for allowing direct transfers, wherein an employee wants to transfer from one district to another. We have even demanded regularisation of workers."

As the government has not taken any action, the workers are planning another protest in the coming few weeks. "We have been talking to other employees; based on their views we might carry out another strike," he said.

Marathahalli in high demand

Begaluru folks are increasingly renting properties here due to proximity to offices

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Demand in Marathahalli

BHK type	2022	2021	2019
1BHK/1RK	-32%	-21%	-26%
2BHK	-51%	- 45%	-47%
3BHK	-15%	- 28%	-24%
4BHK+	-2%	- 6%	- 3%

(Source: NoBroker)

The real estate sector was hard hit by the pandemic, but 2022 showed great improvement in renting, buying, and selling. Renting a house in localities like Malleswaram, Basavanagudi, Rajajinagar, Indiranagar, Richmond town, Bellandur, Koramangala, Ulsoor, HSR Layout, Marathahalli, Electronic City, Kanakpura, and KR is currently very expensive.

People are opting for areas which have greater proximity to offices and metro stations. For instance, a trend observed by NoBroker saw Marathahalli becoming the most sought-after locality for rental properties in 2022.

Amit Kumar Agarwal, CEO and Co-Founder, NoBroker, said, "Marathahalli is closer to the IT corridor than Koramangala and Indiranagar. Given the surge in tenants in the city, bad traffic, and metro construction, people want to move closer to their offices. Further, the rent in Marathahalli is lower than Koramangala and Indiranagar and there is a good number of gated communities and apartments. The minimum to maximum rent range for 1BHKs is Rs 10,000-18,000, and 2BHKs, Rs 20,000-40,000."

Recently, there has been a shift in the demographic of buyers with millennials showing more interest in purchasing properties, said Murali M, CMD, Shriram Properties Ltd. Location is not a very key criteria for somebody migrating to the city as long as work and home are close to each other, he explained.

The ORR area is becoming more popular for renting properties

This has led to a bigger boost on the outskirts. The ORR area, which includes localities like Marathahalli, Bellandur, and KR Puram, is becoming more popular.

Agarwal added that tenants have been wanting a host of amenities from gated societies post covid. Security, gym, laundry, children's playground, and power backup have become very crucial.

Most people have hybrid working conditions and need to work from home along with a comfortable commute to office. Gated communities in Marathahalli have played a very crucial role in addressing these demands, he said.

Viswa Prathap Desu, Chief Sales Officer - Residential, Brigade Group, said, "We saw a dramatic shift in customer preferences for sizes and types of apartments on account of the pandemic. Customers preferred larger homes, opting for 3 BHKs. The outlook for the Indian real estate sector is expected to stay positive in the coming calendar year as it did in 2022 with many rating agencies projecting growth in development to reach around 8-9 per cent."

Is Cubbon Park being 'encroached?'

Karnataka HC constitutes panel to assess if Krishik Samaj building is on Cubbon park land

The Karnataka High Court on Wednesday constituted a fact-finding committee to assess whether the Karnataka Pradesh Krishik Samaj building near Hudson Circle in Bengaluru stands on land belonging to Cubbon Park.

The committee comprising engineers from the Public Works Department and the Assistant Director of Land Records will conduct the survey on February 4 and submit a report to the court on February 8.

A division bench comprising Chief Justice Prasanna B Varale and Justice Ashok S Kinagi issued the order.

The court was hearing a public interest litigation (PIL) filed by the Cubbon Park Walkers Association, which had claimed that several unauthorised constructions have come up on Cubbon Park premises and the Horticulture Department that manages the park has failed to prevent it.

The respondents in the PIL include the Bengaluru Water Supply and Sewerage Board, The Century Club, Karnataka State Lawn Tennis Association, Karnataka Government Secretariat Club, Karnataka State Government Employees Association, The Press Club, and the Young Men's Christian Association.

In an earlier order, the High Court had permitted The Century Club to use the rear gate of Cubbon Park till the PIL was disposed of.

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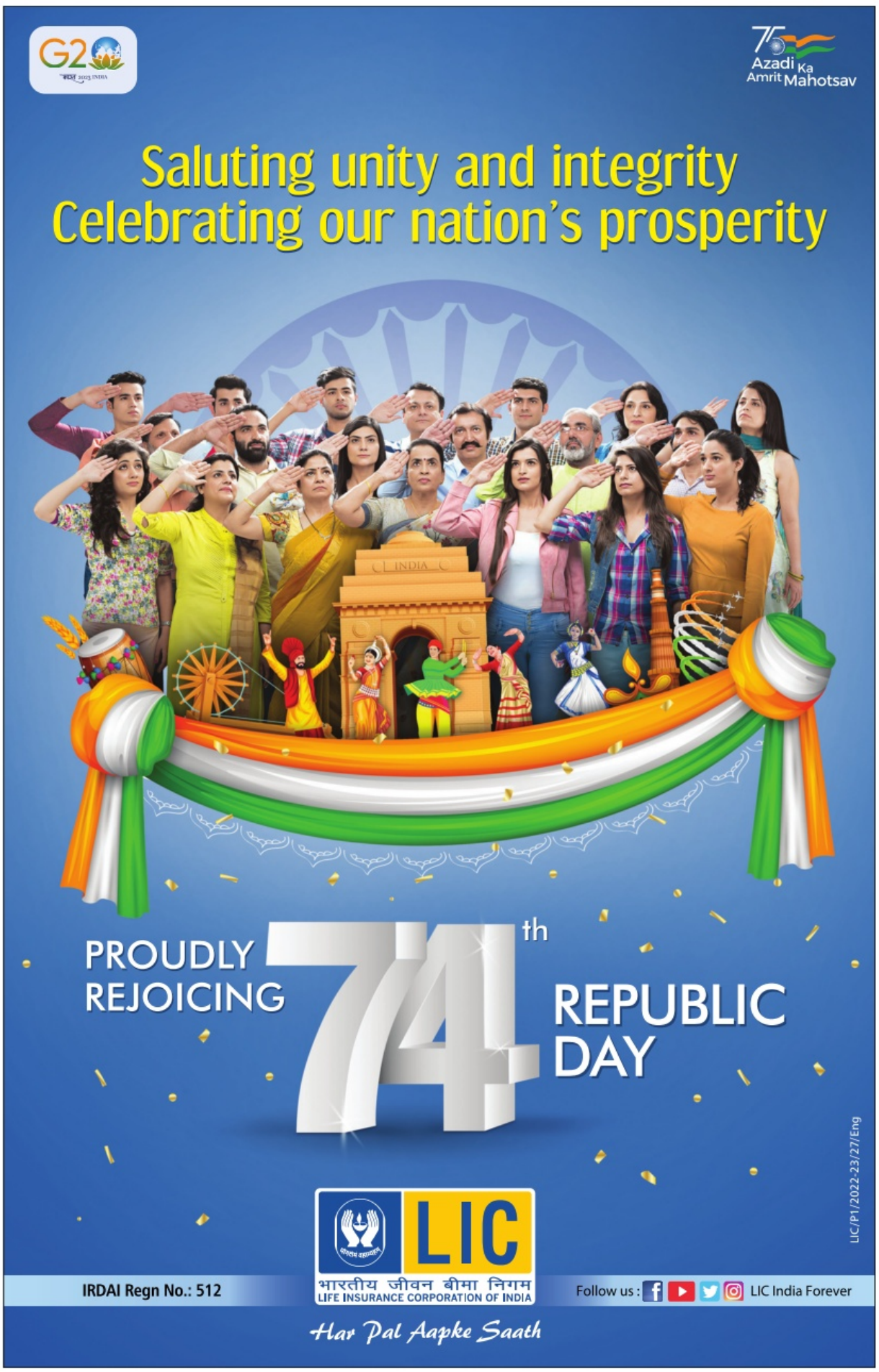

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Tales of bravery: 3 K'taka kids awarded in New Delhi

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It was a special day for three students from Karnataka who were honoured with bravery awards in New Delhi. In fact, the trio has become a role model for saving lives. Each of them has a different story, and their time sense and bravery have helped them in rescue missions.

The youngest to receive the award this year from the state was 12-year-old KR Deekshit who rescued his mother and helped her to get a new lease of life.

According to Deekshit, back in November 2021, he was playing outside while his mother was working in a ragi mill. After half an hour, he heard his mother screaming for help. When he rushed to the spot, he was shocked to see that his mother's hair was stuck in the mill.

"I immediately switched off the mill. My mother's hair was still stuck. So, I had to delicately remove the hair from the machine. Later, I called my father and neighbours to rush my mother to a hospital. Thanks to the quick response, she was saved," he said.

While Deekshit saved his mother, Keerthi Vivek M Sahukar saved his entire family.

His entire family was travelling to a nearby temple in Jagalur and his dad was at the steering wheel on August 21, 2022. As a dog came under the wheel, his dad applied sudden brakes. The car soon turned turtle and fell into a nearby ditch. The doors were jammed. While his mother fell unconscious, his father could not open his seat belt and his nine-year-old sister was crying continuously.

"I immediately took out a water bottle and tried to break the windshield. As I came out of the windshield, my hands were bleeding profusely. As I had to pull out my family members, I took a huge stone and broke the entire windshield. Later, I pulled all of them out," he said.

Aditya Mallikarjun Shivalli, a student of Karnataka State Law University, had been to Muregar falls near Sirsi on January 14, 2020. He could see a father and his five-year-old child who were taking a dip and suddenly drowned.

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Banquet halls in city see full booking on January 26 as wedding season starts

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City's wedding and community halls are fully booked for various functions ranging from engagements to weddings on January 26.

Choultry owners say that Thursday is not just an auspicious date but also a public holiday. As most of the people wanted to organise their programmes on that day itself, all the halls were booked more than a month in advance.

Satyanarayan Sharma, an astrologer said, "January 26 is a very auspicious day. According to the almanac, it is Vasant Panchami, the day dedicated to Goddess Saraswati. This is the reason why many have been opting to hold their special programmes on this day. The current wedding season has begun and will continue till March 22."

For the last two years, the bookings had taken a hit due to covid

According to Kumar S, a manager of a wedding choultry, Chord Road is dotted with numerous wedding halls and most of them are booked well in advance.

"We are getting a lot of inquiries for the halls but the bookings are made for the next fortnight or so," he said.

For the last two years, the bookings had taken a hit due to covid. The year 2020 saw many people getting married at home by cancelling their bookings at wedding halls due to lockdown. Even when the lockdown was lifted, there were several restrictions for attendance. Therefore, many didn't prefer big halls.

Another choultry owner told Bangalore Mirror that now with ease in restrictions, choultry owners are seeing the return of big fat weddings.

"Weddings are an expensive affair for the families. Therefore, it's a platform that provides jobs to hundreds of people who are solely dependent on auspicious programmes. We are happy that people like cooks to flower decorators are in high demand and working overtime," he said.

"I have a packed schedule for this Thursday. I have to attend at least six programmes on that day as it looks like most of my friends and relatives are organising their programmes on the same day," said Sudheer Y, a resident of Lottegollahalli.

According to a recent survey by Just Dial, the big fat Indian weddings were back with a bang, as wedding services saw a 40 per cent growth in 2022. This also created a 55 per cent additional demand for wedding jewellers and banquet halls reported from the first four months of last year. Despite growth in wedding services, there was a decline in demand for wedding cards indicating the rise of e-invites.

Gold gives shock

However, inflation has hit the weddings hard. The drastic rise in gold and silver prices are denting the expenses of families.

A jeweller said, "Usually, the wedding season keeps us busy. However, we are seeing a decrease in volume of business due to cost factors. As one gram of gold has gone up by Rs 600, a family which wanted to buy 100 grams of gold is now planning to buy only 50 grams. We hope that the prices may come down soon."

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I, MOUSHEEN TAJ, W/o, Syed Nisar Ahmed residing at No.47, 5th Main, 9th Cross, Krishnappa Block, Ganganagar Extn, R T Nagar Post, Bangalore 560032 Karnataka India, have changed my name to MOHSEEN TAJ vide Affidavit dated 24.01.2023 sworn before notary B V Nagabhushana, Bangalore.

I, KANJARKATTE SRIDHARA SHENOY, S/o, Umesha Shenoy Kanjarkatte and Residing at CN-3, 2nd Floor, Santara Magan Place, Doddakammanahalli, Bangalore 560076 Karnataka India, have changed my name to KANJARAKATTE SRIDHARA SHENOY vide Affidavit dated 10.01.2023 sworn before notary B V Nagabhushana, Bangalore.

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Trevalius poised to win Wolf 777 Winter Derby

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It's Derby time folks and punters are already working out the many permutations and combinations to hit the jackpot on Republic Day. The blue riband of the season has attracted nine best colts and two star fillies in their effort to land the Derby riches. And in what on cards promises to be a fire to the wire finish, the Chennai raider Trevalius from James McKeown's yard, fresh from his impressive effort in the Calcutta Derby, second behind the pride and joy of Calcutta, Success, appears to hold the razor-edge.

Among the local hopefuls, the Satish Narredu schooled Ashwa Magadheera, who finished second behind Forseti in the South India 2000 Guineas and the talented filly La Reina from Padmanabhan's yard are in with a definite chance to crack the pot of gold. The former to be piloted by leading pro Suraj Narredu is tuned to the minute with the event in view and La Reina also looks in splendid shape for the big fight.

Bangalore Turf Club (BTC) chairman Shivkumar Kheny is satisfied with the preparations and the buzz the Wolf 777 Bangalore Derby has generated in the sporting circles revealed that the club has offered record stakes, 1.49 crore this winter and the owners and the professionals are pleased with the purse on offer. "The idea is to offer the owners who were hit hard during the pandemic the required support. The priority of the managing committee is to put money back in the game and facilitate owners and professionals rather than splurge on pomp," said Kheny.

BTC chairman is happy with preparations for Derby

The chairman disclosed that the club playing host to the Champion Of Champions event, the Indian Turf Invitation Cup on the first Sunday of March is gearing up to raise the bar, providing the best platform for the galloping goldmines to gallop to fame. "We understand that the best horses in the Indian racing circuit will be down here in their effort to enter the Hall Of Fame and we (BTC) will spare no effort to provide the best facilities to all," said Kheny.

Despite the fact that a couple of local star performers have chosen to compete in the Indian Derby on the first Sunday of February in Mumbai, the coveted event has generated maximum interest among the railbirds. The fact that it a very open Derby and that more than half-dozen contestants including the two fillies La Reina and double classic winner Victoria Punch are in with a definite chance poses a challenge to the railbirds seeking to pick out the winning ticket on the Derby winner.

Most punters while applauding the effort of the BTC to frame a good nine-event card on the D-day made it clear that the punters seek to gain good returns on the investments made. "I'm looking to crack the five-horse puzzle and I know I need to draw up a good combination which may cost more, but I understand that the returns on the Jackpot, which appears tricky will be big and we will make a pool to strike it rich," said Basave Gowda, a regular from Mandya. The stage is set and the Chennai raider Trevalius appears set to land the Derby riches though the ladies cheer brigade at the BTC is confident that it will be the Ladies day out on Republic Day.

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1 What is impotence?
Impotence (also referred to as erectile dysfunction) occurs when a consistent inability to get or maintain an erection prevents you from having satisfying sex. The major problem is that men don't know whom to consult for this issue. A woman usually approaches a gynaecologist to address most of her sexual and fertility concerns. It's time that men consult an andrologist for his sexual and fertility problems. We at NU Hospital have reputed andrologists who can address similar problems.

2 Which are the most common age groups that seek consultation for impotence?
The incidence of impotence increases with age from 6 per cent in the age group 20-29 years to 50-70 per cent in the age group 40-79 years. We see younger patients presenting to us in India as against the Western countries.

3 Is erectile dysfunction just an inevitable part of getting older, or should it be treated at any age?
Age is just a number. I have seen men as young as 18 years in India seeking treatment for impotence and as old as 92-year old in Spain during my Andrology Fellowship training. The 92-year-old was fit, played tennis till the age of 85 years and had a 40-year young girlfriend.
There are various treatment options for impotence which can be explored based on individual needs and circumstances.

—Prakash VL

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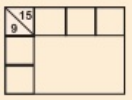
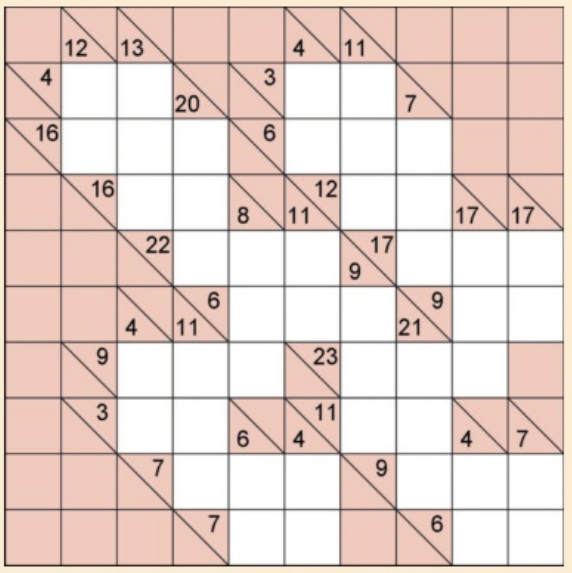
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas



for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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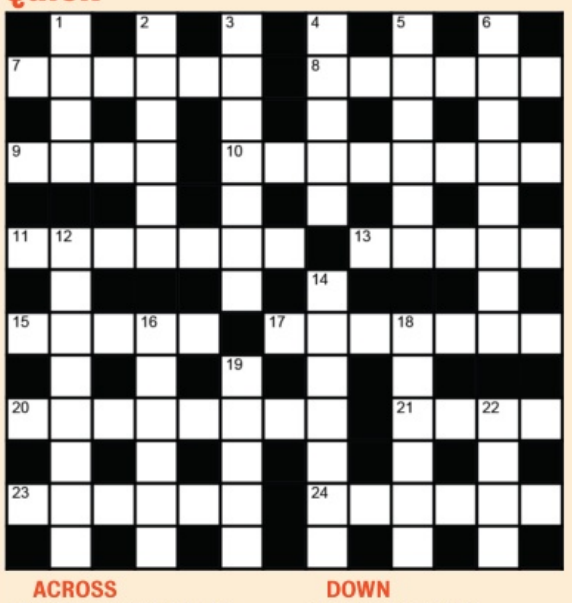


ACROSS

7 Japanese gangsters (6)
8 Hostile spirit (6)
9 As far as (2,2)
10 Tusked animal (8)
11 Male sibling (7)
13 Made __ __ : employed? (3,2)
15 To throw out (5)
17 Helsinki is its capital (7)
20 Partner, accomplice (8)
21 India's ___ capital: Bangalore for sure (4)
23 It picks up readings (6)
24 Uncultivated (6)

DOWN

1 Stinging insect (4)
2 Soldier's trench (6)
3 Supplier of food (7)
4 Whitens; becomes ashen (5)
5 Entitlements (6)
6 Rejection, nonacceptance (4-4)
12 Becomes happy or ecstatic (8)
14 Start a football match? (4,3)
16 Wrinkle (6)
18 Tags or badges? (6)
19 N in TNT? (5)
22 Freudian terms (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: P EQUALS T

RKXJPXJN XH PLV RKHHKNV OFCD PLV QLKCH CO PLV VD-CPXCJH PC PLV CFUVF CO PLV RCHHXIBV.

Linemaro

I want to know every little thing about you, but only when you are ready

Mindchow

Well-behaved women seldom make history

Joke of the day

Murphy's law of nursing: Your nose will itch the very moment your gloved hands get contaminated with bodily fluids

Loop

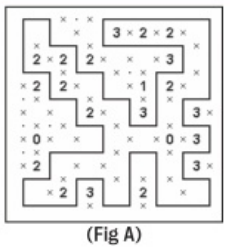
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

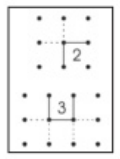
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

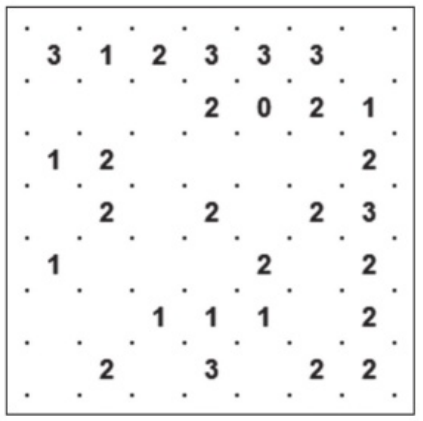
Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



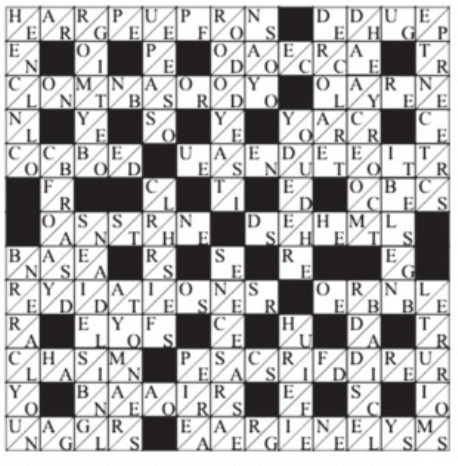
(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed



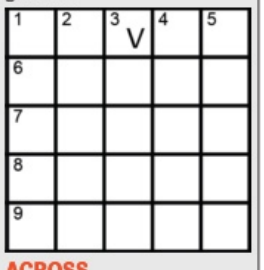
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

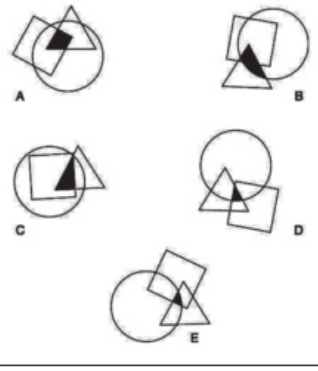
1 A Slav; 6 I dost; 7 A grad; 8 Picot; 9 Tucks

DOWN

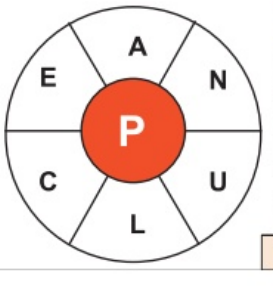
1 Sol go; 2 Pad at; 3 IV rut; 4 Acids; 5 Tacks

Mensapuzzle

Which is the odd one out?



Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

14 Average; 16 Good; 18 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

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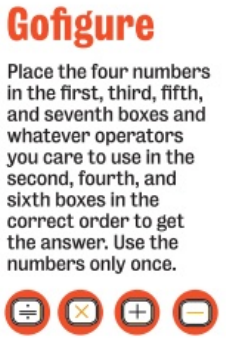
	4		7	2	6		8	
		3				6		
	5		1	3	9		4	
5	6		9		2		3	4
			5		1			
9								7

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.



Easy = 9

1 3 6 7

Medium = 10

5 5 8 8

Hard = 11

1 5 6 4

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

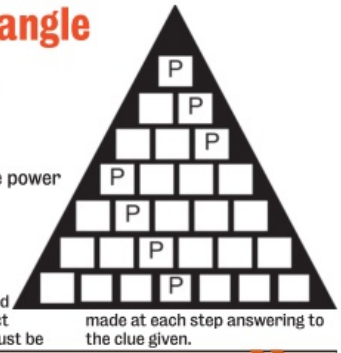
Differences: 1. Desk is not as wide. 2. Chair is moved. 3. Sign is moved. 4. Fingers are not showing. 5. Windowpanes are different. 6. Thumb is moved.

Riddler

Arrange the digits 1 through 9 into an equation so that the first number is the square root of the second number. (Two possible variations)

Alpha triangle

1 16th letter
2 Operation, abbr.
3 Summit
4 Tagore or Keats
5 Chose
6 Evict an alien
7 Unit of refractive power



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS

Redeye by Mel Casson

YOU'RE GOING TO SEE A BIG CHANGE IN ME STARTING TODAY, CHIEF!
NO MORE GOOFS OR DUMB MISTAKES FOR ME!
FINE, TANGLEFOOT
11-9
NOW CAN YOU PADDLE A LITTLE FASTER?

Bizarrotrip

Perhaps it's time to rethink the external combustion engine.
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Diamond Lil

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This has been a massage message from the National Association of Proofreaders.

Hart of the city

MY NAME IS DEAN, AND I WANNA LEARN MAGIC!
HERE ARE SOME BEGINNER'S MAGIC TRICK BOXES. RING THE BELL WHEN YOU'RE READY TO CHECK OUT!
NO, I WANT TO LEARN FROM YOU!
DO I LOOK LIKE A TEACHER?
YES.
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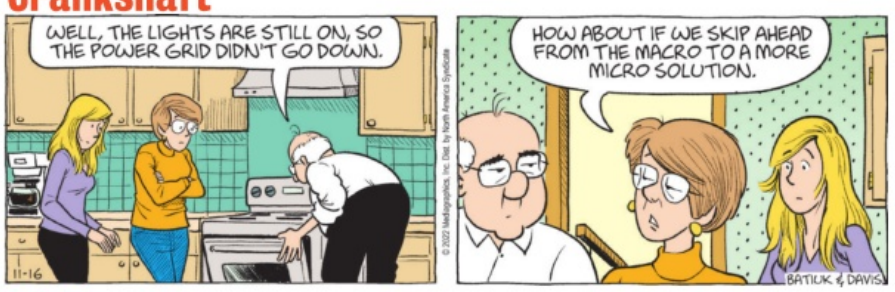
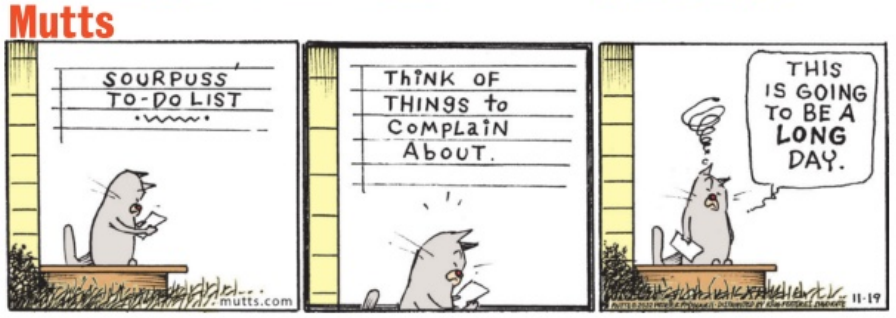
Crankshaft


WELL, THE LIGHTS ARE STILL ON, SO THE POWER GRID DIDN'T GO DOWN.
HOW ABOUT IF WE SKIP AHEAD FROM THE MACRO TO A MORE MICRO SOLUTION.
11-16
BATIUK & DAVIS

Mutts



WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today you may help needy people. It may boost your reputation in society. You might implement innovations into work, which may increase your business. Positive results could make you happy. Lovebirds may plan for outings or adventure tours.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today you may be dissatisfied. You may feel some sort of detachment from your responsibilities, which can leave you confused. You may plan hypothetically for your projects. You are advised to be practical about your work to complete it on time. You may also take care of your parents. It is advised to postpone migration plans for some days.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today you may be enthusiastic. You may be more focused, which may speed up your postponed projects. Your siblings may help you to start a new project which may bring you profits in the near future. You can expect some short trips related to family issues. Job seekers may hear good news in terms of a new job.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today you may be able to control your expenditure on worthless things, which may boost your financial health. You may be more creative today. You may use your creativity to decorate your office or home, which may enhance your social status. Lovebirds may get some support from their family members to maintain their relationship status. Students may hear good news in terms of academics.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today you are blessed by the moon, which may give you peace of mind. Externally, you may face some work-related stress, but your inner senses may be calm and cool. This may help you to balance everything. You may enjoy every moment in your work and domestic life. Some new sources of income may open up, which may help you boost your savings.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
You may feel dull today. You may face some old health issues. You are likely to be a victim of tiredness, which might make you arrogant. Your arrogance may affect your domestic harmony. Your profits may convert into losses. You are advised to think twice before making any type of financial transaction.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today your inner strength may be strong. Your losses may convert to profits, which may increase your business growth and liquidity. With the help of your subordinates, you may be able to take some difficult decisions in business. Your performance at work may be praised by your seniors. You may also expect to get incentives, which may increase in savings.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today you may be busy at work. Your wisdom may help you take right decisions, which may improve your business. You are likely to get a big order, which may expand your work. You may utilise your creativity to renovate your home or office, which may improve your social status. You may invest in some creative assets.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today situations are under control. You may be able to come out of the past days' messy situation. You may work with patience, which may reflect in your tasks. You may plan for an outing. Students may have good focus towards their goals. Singles may find love with the help of friends or relatives.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today you may feel unhappy. You may be impatient. You may be a victim of mood swings, which may reflect into your domestic life. You are advised to avoid arrogance at work, otherwise you may create hidden enemies around you. You are advised to avoid rash driving.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today you may be happy. You may spread happiness around you. You may feel harmony in your personal life. You may enjoy some romantic moments with your spouse. Your family may support you to take some important decisions. You may also take some important decisions on the professional front. You may expect some new ventures or partnerships in business.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today the positive moon can make you happy. You may use your patience at work. Your performance may be good in your job and you may get some incentives in terms of rewards. Health-related issues of family members will be resolved now. Job aspirants are likely to get a good job. Lovebirds may enjoy quality time .

KIDZONE

Karthik S, 10 Years, SES English School

Ryan Sharma, 6 Years, DPS North

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M

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$=\sqrt{((1/5+5-1/5)/5)^4}$
$=\sqrt{(6/5)^4}$
$=\sqrt{(1)^4}$
$=\sqrt{1}=1$

BULL'S EYE

cape, clap, CLEANUP, leap, nape, pace, pale, pane, panel, peal, pecan, penal, place, plan, plane, plea, puce, pule

FAST FIVE

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RIDDLER

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OR
8542 = 729,316

STRIKE OUT

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MENSA PUZZLE

B: in all the others, only the portion common to all three figures is shaded.

QUOTE UNCODE

Painting is the passage from the chaos of the emotions to the order of the possible.

SUDOKU

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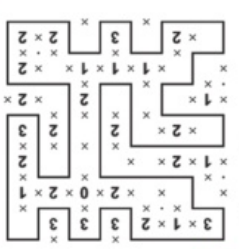
8	7	6	4	9	5	3	2	1
1	4	9	7	2	6	5	8	3
7	2	3	8	5	4	6	1	9
6	5	8	1	3	9	7	4	2
5	6	7	9	8	2	1	3	4
4	3	2	5	7	1	9	6	8
9	8	1	6	4	3	2	5	7

ALPHA TRIANGLE

8 = 7 + 1
13 = 8 + 5
21 = 13 + 8
34 = 21 + 13
55 = 34 + 21

LOOP



GO FIGURE

Easy
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Medium
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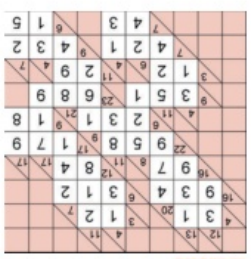
Hard
6 − 4 x 5 + 1 = 11

KAKURO



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 # Madonna biopic scrapped
The biopic set at Universal Pictures on American singer-songwriter Madonna to be played by Julia Garner has been scrapped, Deadline, a USA-based entertainment news outlet has confirmed

Jacqueline, on Cloud Nine

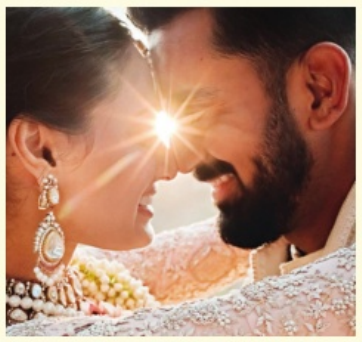
Actress excited about Oscar nomination for her international film

While India is celebrating the Oscar nomination for Natu Natu in the Best Original Song category, most were surprised to see a picture of Jacqueline Fernandez in the list as well. The actress features in an international anthology movie called 'Tell it like a woman' led by 7 female directors belonging to different parts of the world. The film's song 'Applause' has also won an Oscar nomination in the Original Song category.

Beaming with excitement, Jacqueline told Bombay Times, "I am extremely excited for the Oscar nomination! It is a very proud moment for the entire team and me. Applause really captured the essence of the film so beautifully and I am so grateful to have been a part of this mega achievement. It was an experience of a lifetime, being part of a project that had such esteemed and phenomenal artists. I learnt so much, it was truly an enriching experience."

—**Renuka Vyavahare**

Wedding gifts: Apartment worth Rs 50 cr; costly cars and more!



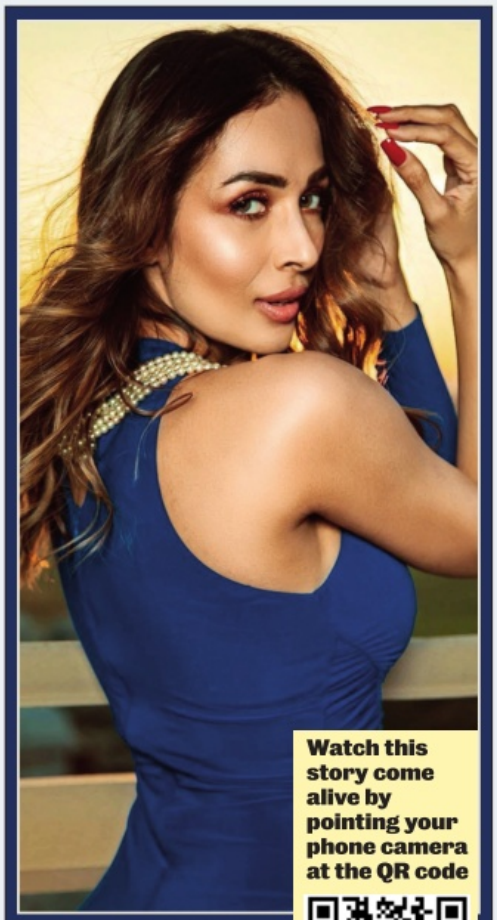
Suniel Shetty's daughter Athiya Shetty tied the knot with cricketer KL Rahul on January 23. Apart from all the warm wishes, the newly married couple also received highly expensive gifts from their loved ones.

According to the reports, Suniel Shetty has gifted his daughter a luxurious apartment in Mumbai which is worth Rs 50 crore. Salman Khan, who is a close friend of Suniel Shetty, has gifted Athiya an Audi car worth Rs 1.64 crore.

Jackie Shroff, who is also one of the close friends of Suniel Shetty, has gifted Athiya a watch worth Rs 30 Lakh from Chopard Watches, a renowned Swiss luxury watch and jewellery brand. Arjun Kapoor, who is one of Athiya's close friends, has gifted her a diamond bracelet worth Rs 1.5 crore.

On the other hand, KL Rahul's friend and former Indian skipper Virat Kohli has gifted him a BMW car worth Rs 2.17 crore. Mahendra Singh Dhoni has also gifted Rahul a Kawasaki Ninja bike worth Rs 80 lakh.

— ETimes



Glam gal
All the times that Malaika Arora has set hearts racing with her glamorous appearances

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Fan frenzy for SRK

After four long years, the King Of Bollywood Shahrukh Khan returned to the theatres with his movie Pathaan on Wednesday. Fans from Bengaluru hit the theatres for the first day first show starting at 9 am. A group of youngsters booked the 1,000-seater Cauvery theatre at Sankey Road and came over to watch the show wearing Pathaan Tee-Shirts, wrist bands, huge posters and a cake.

Cauvery theatre witnessed a huge rush with people standing at the parking premises and bursting crackers before and after the movie. The fans were from the SRK Universe fan club, which is one the oldest fan clubs for the star. The members from the club initiated bookings on social media platforms and got a full house.

All the fans got to the theatre from 7 am and started dancing to the songs of Shahrukh Khan while they even cut a cake for the movie. Posters and standalones were put up as well.

Roohi Naaz, Head Of SRK Universe, Bengaluru, said, "SRK universe is the biggest and oldest fanclub of Shah Rukh Khan. Our club has been doing the first day first show for over a decade and this year is special to us as it is SRK's comeback on the big screen after four years and we are celebrating it in a grand way. We have missed seeing him on screen for this long and now with his comeback we carried out a major celebration. We got the Pathaan merchandise for fans. The fans wore it and got in the theatres. The entry of SRK in the movie was mind-blowing and fans couldn't cheer."

Saqib Idrees, a fan who attended the morning show, said, "I didn't sleep the whole

night with excitement for the movie. It was surreal to watch SRK at the theatres. People started dancing to the Jhoome Jo Pathaan song in the theatres and it was a treat to watch people enjoying themselves. The movie is going to be a big hit. It has all the action, drama, emotions and the VFX was top notch."

A fan from Mandya came all the way cycling for over 114 km to Bengaluru to watch the morning show at Cauvery theatre. "The idea to cycle to the theatre was also to ask people to watch the movie. In a car or bike, it is difficult to keep stopping and talking to people. But on the cycle, I could stop at regular intervals and tell the public not to miss out on watching it in theatres," said Musaib Ahmed.

This apart, people posted clips of the movie which went viral on social media..

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Rolex stars

Komal of Govindaya Namaha fame, who is busy with his Bhootatma 2, will be paired opposite Sonal Monteiro for his next movie Rolex. Komal makes a comeback with Bhootatma 2 after a gap of four years.

The muhurat function of Rolex is scheduled to be held on January 26 and the movie is expected to go on floors from January 27. Sonal Monteiro, who was in the pan-India movie Banaras, has been selected as the female lead.

Sonal Monteiro, who debuted in Sandalwood with Abhisarika in 2018, is said to have agreed to act in Rolex as its content is different.

Director Srinivasa C Mandya is busy with arrangements for the muhurat event of Rolex to be held at Sri Venkateswara Temple, near Nagarbhavi. "I am very happy to have Komal and Sonal Monteiro as the lead pair in the movie. Both have appreciated the script of this movie," he said. He said shooting will begins in Bengaluru on January 27.

A message for you

Actor Arjun Yogesh Raj aka Arjun Yogi is elated about getting a chance to play the lead in Long Drive that is expected to release on February 10. Arjun began his acting career with a tele serial Akka in 2012. He has also acted in Nanna Prakara and Chase.

"Long Drive is the first movie to give me maximum screen space. I hope to get more opportunities after this. I play an engineering graduate in this movie that conveys a message to youth as well as parents," said Arjun Yogi.

Manjunatha Gowda BR, who owns a fleet of buses, has bankrolled this movie under Good Wheel Productions banner apart from playing the villain. "Movies have been my passion since my childhood. I used to act in plays and dramas. I played a parasite character in Long Drive," he said.

Supritha Narayan and Tejaswini Sekhar play the lead female roles while Bala Rajwadi, Mahesh Guru, Mohan Annalli, and Gym Keerthi are the other important cast of this movie. Director Sri Raj said the movie has all the ingredients needed to entertain the audiences.